

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR  
CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (B.E.A.C.O.N.)

September 10, 2004

**ROLL CALL:**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment ("BEACON") was held on Friday, September 10, 2004, at 941 Walnut Avenue, Carpinteria, CA. Chair Susan Rose called it to order at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present at roll call:

Susan Rose	Chair, Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara,
Jon Sharkey	Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme
John Flynn	Supervisor, County of Ventura
John Zaragoza,	Councilmember, City of Oxnard
Jonny Wallis	Councilmember, City of Goleta
Das Williams	Councilmember, City Santa Barbara
Brian Brennan	Executive Director and Mayor, City of San Buenaventura

consisting of a quorum.

Staff, BEACON advisors and representatives for legislative officers who were present:

Gerald Comati, Com3 Engineering, BEACON Contract Manager  
Kevin Ready, BEACON Legal Counsel.  
Dr. James Bailard, BEACON Technical Advisor  
Lisa Nelson, County of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department  
Matt Roberts, City of Carpinteria  
Jon Moore, Noble Consulting  
Rick Raives, Ventura City Engineer  
Karl Treiberg, Santa Barbara County Flood Control  
Kim Garvey, Moffatt & Nichol Engineering  
Mercy Grieco, County of Ventura Auditor-Controller  
Juana Alvarez, County of Ventura Auditor-Controller

**ITEM 1: Call to order by Chair Rose.** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ITEM 2: Approval of Agenda for September 10, 2004 Meeting and Filing Certificate of Agenda Posting.** Boardmember Sharkey made a motion to approve. Boardmember Zaragoza seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion passed with Boardmember Wallis abstaining.

**ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes for June 4, 2004.** Minor corrections were noted and a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2004 BEACON meeting with corrections was made by Boardmember Sharkey and seconded by Boardmember Zaragoza, the Board voted, with abstention made by Boardmember Wallis, the motion passed.

**ITEM 4: Public Comments and Other Reports, Comments from the Public for Matters Not on the Agenda.** Chair Rose asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on matters not on the agenda.

Kevin Ready reported that subsequent to the agenda going out he was contacted by Santa Barbara County Planning Department regarding applications for this year's CREF grant cycle. He suggested submitting exactly the same application as last year, for funding this year, \$60,000 request for BEACON's local match of the Storm and Tidal Wave Study. Grant applications are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- a. **Reports from legislative offices.** No one was present
- b. **Boating and Waterways.** No one was present; however, Kevin Ready had recently talked to Kim Sterret with DBAW and Kim stated that he had another grant funding opportunity for BEACON that would be a component of the Sediment Study. This would be a \$300,000 economic study of beaches.
- c. **Cal Coast.** Kevin Ready reported that the Board of Directors of the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA) recently voted to sever the subordinate chapter status from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA). The ASBPA has overextended themselves in doing lobbying work and contracting which concerned the Directors.
- d. **Receive reports on other projects within BEACON jurisdiction:**
  - (1) Santa Claus Lane Beach – Gerald Comati reported that a report to create an at-grade crossing over the railroad tracks was submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) by the Santa Barbara County Parks Department. This report was partially funded by BEACON using a federal TEA transportation grant. BEACON should wait until the County receives approval from the PUC, and then support the project.
  - (2) Santa Barbara Harbor dredging – Lisa Nelson reported that the Federal dredging contract was awarded to AIS for one year with a two year option. East Beach will again be the disposal area with discharge as far east as possible to help with down coast sand migration. Boardmember Williams requested that BEACON staff continue to work with the Waterfront Department and the Army Corps on the Harbor dredging. A discussion followed regarding the affects of sand movement in the Harbor and the location of the dredged discharge location as well as impacts to erosion at Goleta Beach and Montecito Beach.

- (3) Matilija Dam – Brian Brennan updated the Board on the Matilija Dam removal project. Water agencies have expressed concerns about impacts to their water systems from additional silt after the Dam is removed. The Army Corps through environmental mitigation measures is addressing these issues. A \$79 million request is included in the current proposed WRDA bill by Senator Boxer for Dam removal. Boardmember Zaragoza questioned the controversial issue regarding the loss of water rights to the 200 homes in the area. Brennan responded that those issues are independent on whether the dam comes down or not and how the Corps is trying to break those away from the real issues of the Dam removal.
- (4) Isla Vista Bluff erosion – Kevin Ready reported that on August 28<sup>th</sup> the County of Santa Barbara Building Division condemned nine bluff properties on Del Playa Avenue in Santa Barbara. The reason for this was that the bluffs in the backyards of these properties had eroded to the extent that they now undercut the houses to the point that the geophysical structural engineer said they were unsafe for habitation. Most of residents were gone by August 28<sup>th</sup>; however, there is a ten-day appeal period that runs until next Tuesday. The County Counsel has determined that there won't be relocation funds available for the residents. Chair Rose questioned if the university was playing a role in the relocating residents. Ready responded that he thought they were and that County Counsel has put out press releases, sent information to the Housing Authority of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, UCSB, the County and the various agencies that might be able to help. Boardmember Zaragoza questioned BEACON's role in this problem. Ready responded that BEACON's role would be that if we had any funding, we would probably do some kind of beach replenishment on the beach below the bluffs, because if you had a 100 foot wide sandy beach there would be less cliff erosion.
- (5) Other Projects – Boardmember Flynn discussed the issue of Kiddie Beach in the Channel Islands Harbor. It is contaminated and children from all over Oxnard and Port Hueneme use that beach. Today, it is really unusable and we have spent a lot of money trying to find out what is causing the problem. The solution that looks the best is to put some sand on the beach to move the water line out into the harbor so that the water will circulate. Boardmember Flynn requested that this item be on the next BEACON agenda for discussion.

**ITEM 5: BEACON Meeting Schedule.** The Board decided that November 5, 2004, should be scheduled as the last BEACON Board meeting of the year and the Chair requested that staff send out in the next week a reminder for Boardmembers to calendar it. Boardmember Sharkey made a motion to accept the proposed BEACON meeting schedule for next calendar year with the addition of November 5, 2004 as the next Board meeting. Boardmember Zaragoza seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 6: Study of Biological Impacts Associated with Sediment Management and California Coastal Biota.** Gerald Comati presented the staff report and discussed BEACON's portion of the study. Boardmember Sharkey made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with a selected team for a Study of Biological Impacts Associated with Sediment Management and California Coastal Biota as part of the Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan Project. Boardmember Flynn seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously without a vote from Boardmember Williams who was not available for the roll call.

**ITEM 8: Coast of California Storm and Title Wave Study.** Because Boardmember Zaragoza has to leave early the Board changed the order of the agenda to discuss and take action on Item 8 – the Coast of California Storm and Title Wave Study next followed by Item 7 – the report on the Army Corps section 227 project.

Gerald Comati presented the staff report. Boardmember Flynn made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing BEACON to accept the State funding of \$650,000 from the Department of Boating and Waterways. Boardmember Zaragoza seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Boardmember Zaragoza left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

**ITEM 7: Army Corps Section 227 Project, Oil Piers Reef.** Dr. Jim Bailard provided a verbal update on this project. Brian Brennan, Carl Treiberg, and Dr. Bailard participated in a conference call with the Army Corps at a meeting to discuss project updates and logistics. The draft Environmental Assessment is currently being prepared which will require BEACON approval for public review. Next fall is still the target date for construction of the Reef.

Boardmember Brennan added that the shore area is part of the overall project, where parking and access will be needed. There is \$100,000 in mitigation money available from Mobil/Exxon that could be used to improve the access and parking area. The Ventura County Parks Department needs to become involved, or someone else needs to help get the coastal access and beach facilities going. This needs to be done by the time the Army Corps is complete with their project.

No Board action was required on this item.

**ITEM 9: South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (Opportunistic Beach Fill Project).** Kim Garvey with Moffat & Nichol Engineers provided a verbal update on this project. All local permits have been acquired and they are still pursuing the necessary Federal and State permits. The draft implementation guidelines have been prepared and they will be updated with all new permit conditions as permits are acquired. Four permits are still needed: State Water Board, State Lands Commission, Army Corps, and Coastal Commission. On November 9, 2004 the Coastal Commission will hear this item. The

Board requested that Moffat & Nichol send each BEACON agency a copy of the implementation guidelines.

**ITEM 10: Executive Director's Report and Communications.** Brian Brennan reported on his meeting with the Coastal Commission regarding the South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program, Surfers Point, and the San Clemente Opportunistic Beach Fill Project. He presented a film on water quality and beaches and believes that the time spent with them will provide a better understanding on BEACON's projects. Invoices to each agency for dues for next year were mailed last week. At the Water Conference on September 29<sup>th</sup>, in Long Beach the Goleta Beach project will be highlighted. There also is a free EPA Beaches conference in San Diego on October 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> regarding water testing that could be worthwhile to attend.

**ITEM 11: BEACON Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. to next regular meeting, November 5, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Carpinteria City Hall** (subsequent to the meeting, the next BEACON meeting scheduled for November 5, 2004 was postponed until December 10, 2004).

**End of Agenda Items**

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